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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: SECRETARY VANCE'S MIDEAST TRIP

1. FEBRUARY 20 EDITIONS OF ALGERIAN PAPERS OFFER A VARIETY
OF EMPHASES IN REPORTING AND COMMENTING UPON SECRETARY VANCE'S
TRIP TO MIDEAST.

2. LEADING GOVERNMENT-OWNED FRENCH-LANGUAGE ALGIERS DAILY
"EL-MOUDJAHID" STRIKES MOST POSITIVE NOTE, HEADLINING ITS
REPORT ON VANCE TRIP: "DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY TO REACTIVATE
GENEVA CONFERENCE: SUSTAINED OPTIMISM."

3. GOVERNMENT-OWNED ARABIC-LANGUAGE ORAN DAILY "AL-JUMHURIYYA"
IS MORE PESSIMISTIC, HEADLINING ITS REPORT;
"VANCE'S TOUR IN MIDEAST: WHICH PEACE?" IT WRITES: "AMERICAN
SECSTATE HAS HEARD SAME PHRASES TO EXPRESS ARAB POSITION IN
EVERY ARAB CAPITAL -- ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE OCCUPIED
ARAB TERRITORIES AND RESPECT FOR RIGHTS OF
PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AS BASIS FOR JUST PEACE. BUT IS
U.S. REALLY LISTENING TO THESE WORDS? WHAT IS U.S.
CONCEPTION OF PEACE?"

4. GOVERNMENT-OWNED ARABIC-LANGUAGE CONSTANTINE DAILY
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"AN-NASR IS HIGHLY CRITICAL: "SOME BELIEVE THAT MIDEAST
CRISIS CAN ONLY BE SOLVED BY AMERICAN, BUT AMERICA IS
BIASED FOR ISRAEL AND IS BOTH ENEMY AND ARBITER AS FAR
AS ARABS ARE CONCERNED.... AMERICA DOES NOT HAVE
ENOUGH COURAGE TO PUT FORTH JUST SOLUTIONS, AND IT IS
NOT FAIR ENOUGH TO END CONFLICT IN REGION OBJECTIVELY.
IT IS NOT IN AMERICA'S INTEREST FOR ARABS TO BENEFIT FROM

SOLUTIONS TO CRISIS. VANCE'S TRIP IS MEANT TO OBSCURE
ISSUE AND CONTINUE KISSINGER'S BLATANT GAME IN COORDINATION
WITH TEL AVIV.... VANCE ... REPRESENTS NEW TACTIC OF
AMERICAN POLICY, AND HIS PRESENCE IN REGION IS A PLOT
TO SET ARAB WORLD AFIRE...."

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